USS Constitution Sailors Run to Home Base

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BOSTON – Sailors from USS Constitution participated in the Run to Home Base at Fenway Park, the home to the Boston Red Sox on May 23.

The Run to Home Base is a 9-kilometer race that honors heroic veterans. It also helps raise funds for the new Red Sox charity foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base program for the treatment of traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

"I have a personal friend who has been treated for TBI," said Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/SS) Jason Shaeffer, Constitution. "He is a fellow chief hospital corpsman. He is my main inspiration for wanting to back this effort to help treat TBI."

More than 2,000 runners participated in the race that started at 8 a.m. Service members from the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps participated as well.

"It was awesome to participate in the Run to Home Base," said Sonar Technician (Subsurface) 1st Class (SS) Mark R. Comeiro, Constitution. "I had an overwhelming feeling of pride wearing my Navy PT shirt, not only representing the Navy, but USS Constitution too."

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